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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Maricopa County Superior Court Appointment

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of attorney Janice K. Crawford to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

“Janice possesses a diverse professional background that makes her an excellent selection for the bench,” said Governor Brewer. “Her impressive legal, professional and community-service background will be a valuable asset to the Court and to the citizens of Maricopa County.”

Ms. Crawford has been an attorney with the international law firm Steptoe & Johnson since 1999. Her practice focuses primarily on civil and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on the areas of insurance, real estate, lending and construction-related issues. Since 2008, Ms. Crawford has served as Judge Pro Tem. She received her law degree from ASU College of Law in 1998, graduating among the top 10 percent of her class. Later, she earned the highest score on the Arizona Bar exam.

Prior to joining Steptoe & Johnson, Ms. Crawford worked for the law firm O'Connor Cavanaugh from 1998 until 1999. Her expertise spans well beyond the practice of law, as she previously worked as a mortgage company branch manager, real estate agent, merchandiser and sales representative.

Ms. Crawford is active in her community. She served as a board member for A&A Cottages, an organization that provides a safe environment for abused or neglected teen girls and helps young women transition out of foster care. She also volunteers for the Arizona Animal Defense League.

The Governor's appointment of Ms. Crawford was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Jean Hoag.

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